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In re Request for Continued Examination
(RCE) Application of:

D. M. PUTZOLU et al.

Serial No: 09/470,163

Filed: December 22, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
ALLOWING PROPRIETARY FORWARDING
ELEMENTS TO INTEROPERATE WITH
STANDARD CONTROL ELEMENTS IN AN
OPEN ARCHITECTURE FOR NETWORK
DEVICES

Art Unit: 2141
Examiner: Q.N. NGUYEN

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) AND
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 12, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application, the time for response being extended two months to July 12, 2003 by the accompanying Petition and fee, Applicants respectfully submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-referenced application and a Preliminary Amendment. Please consider the following amendments and remarks prior to examination of the above-identified continuation application.